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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Merger Between AT&T and T-Mobile USA

Dear Commissioners:

Pleasant Grove Academy is a private school affiliated with the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Marion, South Carolina. Our mission is to assist in the development of a well-rounded person by addressing his or her needs socially, emotionally, and physically through proper education.

Marion is a small town, and one that cares for its citizens. We would like to be able to offer our residents the same kind of opportunities and resources afforded those living in big cities.

In particular, the networks that support the Internet are becoming a critical medium for learning. Broadband has become essential to education. With it, students and teachers have access to a much wider spectrum of education that goes beyond our classrooms and the library. Students today access the web for research assignments and team collaboration across every single discipline.

With broadband's growing importance, it is necessary to have fast, reliable access to this technology. If a merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA creates a larger entity capable of providing this, I fully support such a move. AT&T's post-merger plans include extending the reach of its 4th Generation mobile networks to an additional 55 million Americans beyond current plans.

Please consider the needs and future of our students in small towns as you consider this partnership. I urge you to give it your approval.

Sincerely,

